

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1994 - 0700 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

Current Situation: Fires in Idaho, southern Oregon and California were again active yesterday. Fire activity has moderated in Montana. Minimal initial attack activity was reported.

Colonel Anthony Palermo USMC, is the Task Force Commander of one Marine Battalion assigned to the Tyee fire. Colonel William T. Maddox, USA, is the Task Force Commander of three Battalions and one Aviation Company assigned to the Corral Creek fire and the Idaho City Complex. Colonel Joseph Leigh, USA, is the Task Force Commander of three Battalions assigned to the 17 Mile fire, Little Wolf fire and the Koocanusa Complex.

Northern Rockies Area Large Fires:

An Area Command (Kitchens, Area Commander) has been established for the Kootenai National Forest. The Area Command is responsible for the following fires: Yaak-Red Dragon Complex, Cabinet Complex, Libby Complex, Trout Creek Complex, High One, Wolf II, and Koocanusa Complex's. Six CH-47 helicopters from the A/6-158th Aviation Unit are assigned.

LIBBY COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the SCENERY, LEIGH CREEK, CHINA BASIN, MCKAY MTN, QUARTZ and HANGING FLOWER fires. Good progress is being made on all staffed fires. The fire that has been threatening Libby is now contained. The Hanging Flower Fire in the Libby Municipal Watershed is now staffed with 2 Type II crews.

LITTLE WOLF, Flathead NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Kohut) and the 3-11th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps, USA, (Lt. Col. Patterson) are assigned. An evacuation alert remains in effect for Star Meadows. Some torching and active burning occurred near the line.

YAAK-RED DRAGON COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Meuchel) and a Type II Incident Management Team (Dubois) are assigned. In addition, the 3-82nd Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Lt. Col. Dudley) is assigned. The complex now has 25 active fires, including the THUNDER HILL, 17 MILE, ZIMMERMAN, PULPIT, STUDEBAKER, FISH FRY, FOWLER, GUNSIGHT, BURNT SHEEP, PINK MTN. Suppression action is currently being taken on ten of the fires in the complex. Eleven fires have been suppressed. Ten fires are in patrol status. Five fires are not staffed. Cooler temperatures, scattered showers, and higher humidities have assisted in suppression efforts.

KOOCANUSA COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lee) is assigned. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, (Lt. Col. Bonwit, Commander) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the CRIPPLE HORSE, MAXINE, 336, FOWLER and BANFIELD fires. Fires have not spread during the last operational period. Higher humidities have assisted suppression efforts.

CABINET COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Groshong) is assigned. Light rain was received on the fire. Higher humidities have assisted suppression efforts.

HIGH ONE, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned. The complex consists of the BARNABY and the TWIN MEADOWS fires. The Twin Meadows is controlled at 690 acres. The Barnaby fire continues to remain active. Hand line construction continues on three flanks. The fire is within one mile of private land containing about 50 year round residences.

TROUT CREEK COMPLEX, Kootenai NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Suenram) is assigned. The major fires in this complex are: PILLICK, GOAT ROCKS and DEVIL'S DAD. Good progress continues on the Pillick Ridge fire. The use of Fireline Explosives (FLE) have augmented the line construction efforts. Eight fires in the complex will continue to be monitored until resources can be shifted from the Pillick Ridge Fire

ANN, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is assigned. Personnel were pulled off three divisions as a safety precaution. New strategies are being developed to deal with the eastern flank of the fire.

PRIEST LAKE COMPLEX, Idaho Panhandle NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. Cooler weather and light rain reduced fire activity today. Low clouds and poor visibility limited helicopter operations. Crews continued line improvement and mop-up. Accessibility continues to hamper control efforts.

STARVATION CREEK, Glacier NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Danforth) is assigned. Mop-up was completed 8/26. Demob will be completed by 8/27. The fire is confined in the Starvation Creek drainage. An additional 150 hectares (373 acres) has burned in Canada.

POWELL COMPLEX, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the FREEZEOUT, FERN CREEK, SPONGE, BIG SAND LAKE/HIDDEN CREEK and GOLD MEADOWS. Fires were active in all locations today due to high winds.

BEAR CAMP, Clearwater NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Cowin) is assigned. Fire remained very active today with frequent spotting. Retardant drops were utilized to check fire spread.

FISHER PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. Rainfall has aided in suppression efforts.

NORTHWEST PEAK, Idaho Panhandle NF. No new information to report.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC LOST	EST\$ LOSS	EST COST
LIBBY COMPLEX	KNF	MT	10,790	60	UNK	1,394	50	43	10	0	9.6M	756K
LITTLE WOLF	FNF	MT	15,230	95	UNK	1,781	57	45	6	0	10.3M	5.7M
YAAK-RED DRAG	KNF	MT	11,013	30	9/15	1,889	55	55	5	0	8.8M	4.6M
KOOCANUSA CX	KNF	MT	9,828	15	UNK	1,007	27	23	4	0	7.8M	1.8M
CABINET CPLX	KNF	MT	3,000	20	UNK	490	13	6	4	0	UNK	1.3M
HIGH ONE	KNF	MT	580	40	UNK	296	8	0	0	0	UNK	184K
TROUT CREEK C	KNF	MT	1,000	35	9/12	199	6	8	2	0	UNK	304K
ANN	BRF	MT	1,100	65	8/30	556	18	15	4	0	UNK	1.4M
PRIEST LAKE C	IPF	ID	948	60	9/5	445	15	0	5	0	UNK	2.3M
FISHER PEAK	IPF	ID	420	90	UNK	218	6	0	3	0	300K	853K
STARVATION	GNP	MT	2,450	UNK	UNK	140	4	2	2	0	UNK	695K
POWELL CMLPX	CWF	ID	12,100	4	UNK	5	0	0	1	0	UNK	511K

BEAR CAMP	CFW	ID	550	50	8/27	231	7	2	5	0	UNK	500K
NORTHWEST PK	IPF	ID	100	95	8/27	0	1	0	0	0	UNK	54K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

STAR GULCH, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. Work continues on containing the fire west of Brown Creek. Air operations helped contain spread of a spot fire in Thorn Creek.

CORRAL CREEK, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. Transition with Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is proceeding. The 14th Engineer Battalion, (Lt. Col. Perrenot, Commander) is assigned. The fire advanced along Fall Creek, French Creek, and around Squaw Meadows. Structures continue to be protected along the Salmon River and around the Fish and Game Cabin above Squaw Meadows.

CHICKEN COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (O'Bannon) is assigned. Three isolated outbuildings and cabins were destroyed. Roads to Hettinger and Trails End were closed due to extreme fire behavior. Fire continues to spread in all directions. Structure protection continued on about 100 structures.

BLACKWELL COMPLEX, Payette NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Harbour) is assigned with a State representative (Williams) under unified command. Helicopter support is being provided by the 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander). Control lines were tied in on the east and south sides of the fire. The fire made some minor runs but fire behavior has moderated.

IDAHO CITY COMPLEX, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Eddy) is assigned. The 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Porter, Commander) and the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Bostic, Commander) are assigned. The complex consists of the BANNOCK, BEAR RIVER, RABBIT CREEK and NORTH FORK fires. The fire is still actively burning on the northeast flank. Swanholm Peak Lookout was treated with retardants yesterday because of its proximity to the fire. Other structures are also threatened. Minor burnout operations were planned for last night. Major acreage increases were a result of fire advances on 8/25.

THUNDERBOLT, Boise NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Denton) is assigned. The 4th Battalion, 227 Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, USA (Lt. Col. Myles, Commander) is providing helicopter support. Construction of indirect line around the perimeter of the fire was completed last night and burnout operations are in progress. Burnout operations will take 7 to 12 days, dependant on weather and control problems.

PIONEER CREEK, Challis NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McAtee) is assigned. Crews started line construction along Tango Creek. The perimeter is holding in spite of unfavorable weather.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
NAME			CTN	CTN	PERS					LOST	LOSS	COST

STAR GULCH	BOF	ID	29,000	77	9/3	942	29	36	8	2	UNK	3.4M
CORRAL CREEK	PAF	ID	66,400	45	UNK	1,229	38	21	7	0	UNK	9.2M
CHICKEN CMPLX	PAF	ID	34,000	5	UNK	693	29	19	5	3	UNK	664K
BLACKWELL	PAF	ID	44,270	50	UNK	886	23	26	5	0	UNK	14.7M
IDAHO CITY CX	BOF	ID	79,080	52	9/7	1,375	34	31	6	0	103M	24M
THUNDERBOLT	BOF	ID	10,030	30	UNK	798	22	22	5	0	UNK	8.1M
PIONEER CREEK	CHF	ID	7,620	50	UNK	250	7	2	5	0	50K	950K

Northwest Area Large Fires:

TYEE CREEK, Wenatchee NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Maupin) is assigned with a State Team (Flannigan) under unified command. The 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment (Lt. Col. Lindsey, Commander) is assigned. Most of the fire area received between 1/4 to 1/2" of precipitation. The weather is generally cooperating with cooler temperatures accompanying the rainfall. Marine firefighters complete their assignment on this fire today.

HATCHERY COMPLEX, Wenatchee NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. Remote areas of the fire still require significant work. Accessable portions of the fire are in patrol status.

HULL MOUNTAIN, Oregon State. A State Team (Templeton) is assigned. This fire is located about 20 miles northwest of Medford. 260 families have been evacuated at the time of this report. An early morning inversion lifted in the afternoon causing an increase in fire activity on the southwest side of the fire. On Thursday, a dozer was burned over resulting in one fatality.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRUC	EST\$	EST
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
TYEE CREEK	WEF	WA	135,170	100		1,497	53	18	13	94	UNK	44.0M
HATCHERY CPX	WEF	WA	43,316	90	UNK	477	16	9	6	19	UNK	21.1M
HULL MTN.	ORS	OR	5,000	45	UNK	1,561	52	78	6	1	UNK	5.0M

South Zone - California Large Fires:

BIG CREEK, Sierra NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is committed. The towns of Big Creek and Camp Sierra are still evacuated. The evacuation of the Huntington Lake Recreation Area is in progress. State Highway 168 is closed above the junction with the Big Creek Road.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	COST
BIG CREEK	SNF	CA	3,450	20	8/30	1,379	55	55	7	0	UNK	2.1M

Outlook: High pressure centered in eastern New Mexico will keep a flat ridge of high pressure over the desert southwest into the intermountain region. An upper level trough off the Oregon coast will help in building the high pressure ridge into northern Idaho. Scattered thunderstorms will continue in the desert southwest, southern California, Colorado and across southern Wyoming.

Temperatures across the Pacific Northwest and coast areas will be in the 60's and 70's. East of the Cascades, temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's. The southern intermountain west and the interior of California will see temperatures in the 80's and 90's. Fire activity should decrease in the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies due to cooler temperatures.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					0		0
NORTHWEST	1	1				1	3
CA-NORTHERN				1		1	2
CA-SOUTHERN					37	0	37
NORTHERN	1			0	4	7	12
GB-EASTERN		1				3	4
GB-WESTERN						1	1
SOUTHWEST	6			1	1	11	19
ROCKY MTN		0				3	3
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	8	2			42	27	81

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					18		18
NORTHWEST	1	8				1	10
CA-NORTHERN				0		40	40
CA-SOUTHERN					187	650	837
NORTHERN	2			2,105	42	1,525	3,674
GB-EASTERN		150				1	151
GB-WESTERN						25	25
SOUTHWEST	25			0	0	157	182
ROCKY MTN		220				0	220
EASTERN							*
SOUTHERN							0
USA	28	378		2,105	247	2,399	5,157

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA		3								
NORTHWEST	#53	60	21	86	#18	#8	5		#478	314
CA-NORTHERN	32	3	23	31	2				154	89
CA-SOUTHERN	30	25	15	40	3	4	7	2	115	61
NORTHERN	#247	38	148	40	#73	3			#1,969	#250
GB-EASTERN	#166	15	#100	55	#33	8			#1,126	343
GB-WESTERN			7		3		1			
SOUTHWEST	4		9		1					
ROCKY MTN	2		37		6					

EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	1	2	9			2		37	9	
USA	535	146	369	252	139	25	13	2	3,879	894

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

\* No reports received.

#Includes military

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	62	76	48	15	356	7	564
NORTHWEST	384	256	11	128	1,826	1,653	4,258
CA-NORTHERN	94	40	3	58		790	985
CA-SOUTHERN		100		24	2,744	596	3,464
NORTHERN	337	44		60	1,396	2,287	4,124
GB-EASTERN	86	691		36	379	1,151	2,343
GB-WESTERN		475		1	83	167	726
SOUTHWEST	1,451	379	17	210	1,627	2,515	6,199
ROCKY MTN	664	682		82	556	642	2,626
EASTERN	324			53	9,635	498	10,510
SOUTHERN	2		34	81	20,372	661	21,150
USA	3,404	2,743	113	748	38,974	10,967	56,949
5 YEAR AVERAGE							53,604

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	46,419	48,324	78,685	12,830	42,352	2	228,612
NORTHWEST	65,411	84,248	7,918	4,219	28,577	231,515	421,888
CA-NORTHERN	136	2,745	8,042	4,465		86,895	102,283
CA-SOUTHERN		26,057		15	45,265	65,599	136,936
NORTHERN	6,094	3,711		8,420	28,693	62,006	108,924
GB-EASTERN	1,346	217,194		46	74,775	305,601	598,962
GB-WESTERN		188,684			4,416	13,917	207,017
SOUTHWEST	31,692	119,857	7,683	24,029	215,972	151,868	551,101
ROCKY MTN	21,691	36,243		157	10,841	9,647	78,579
EASTERN	16,399			940	87,345	6,371	111,055
SOUTHERN	12		15,799	3,763	396,655	37,416	453,645
USA	189,200	727,063	118,127	58,884	934,891	970,837	2,999,002
5 YEAR AVERAGE							2,044,350

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY	YEAR TO DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	18	3,607
YUKON TERRITORY	0	247
ALBERTA	2	709
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	596
SASKATCHEWAN	0	528
MANITOBA	2	470

ONTARIO		4		1		977		79,302	
QUEBEC		3		1,800		427		115,893	
NEWFOUNDLAND		0		0		125		110,556	
NEW BRUNSWICK		6		21		285		166	
NOVA SCOTIA		0		0		190		122	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		0		0		18		14	
NATIONAL PARKS		0		0		144		60,713	
TOTALS		35		2,099		8,323		3,999,796	

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